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Local landmark building set to become a Tesco

by TIM CHAPMAN

TESCO, the supermarket giant, is planning a major investment in Barry by converting the former Royal Hotel into a new store.

The hotel, which was built by John Jewel Williams in the early 1900s, has been a landmark building in Cadoxton for more than a century.

A Tesco spokeswoman told The GEM: "I can confirm that Tesco would like to convert the former Royal Hotel into an Express convenience store.

"This requires substantial investment and regeneration to bring the building back into use, as well as improve the car park.

"There are no plans for flats above the store."

The GEM understands that much of the building will be preserved. Although a grand structure in its heyday, in recent years it has become dilapidated and the windows have been boarded up.

A certificate has been issued to allow Tesco to go ahead with a conversion, which changes the building's use from 'public house' to 'retail'. The supermarket chain will still require planning for the frontage and signs.

Local traders are divided over the benefits of Tesco's arrival.

Grocery store owners have natural misgivings, but some of the owners of specialist shops believe it could give Cadoxton a welcome boost.

For Arjanji and Maya Odedra, the couple who own 'best-one Ajay Stores' right next to the Royal, it is an unsettling development.

Mr Odedra told The GEM: "We're worried it could finish us.

"When a big name like this comes into an area, the danger is that they undercut existing businesses which shut, allowing them to up their prices again.

"I think supermarket chains target areas with shops to see where they can grab business."

Mrs Odedra, a mother of two, added: "We're not at all happy. We took on the business four years ago.

"If it opens we are worried about how we'll pay the mortgage."

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LEFT:
Grand facade – the Royal Hotel is likely to be transformed into a Tesco Express store.

PRAISE FOR LOCAL WRVS VOLUNTEERS

Jane Hutt is pictured with WRVS volunteers and members of the club at St David's Church Hall, Colcot Road.

THE Vale AM Jane Hutt AM visited the WRVS club, which meets on Monday afternoons at the St David's Methodist Church Hall, Colcot Road, for talks, raffles, tea and company.

She congratulated volunteers on their commitment and long standing support for the club and also congratulated St David's Methodist Church for organising a regular luncheon club, now celebrating its 11th anniversary.

POWER STATION'S NEW PLAN

A SERIES of drop-in sessions are to be held by RWE npower about proposals to install technology at Aberthaw Power Station that would reduce the station's NOx emissions.

Station manager Phil Allen said: "We have already fitted flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) to the plant to reduce our sulphur dioxide emissions and installing SCR would enable us to reduce our NOx emissions. With a combination of SCR, FGD, upgraded steam turbines and biomass capability, Aberthaw would fully meet expected future environmental standards." *(See page 6 for details of the drop-ins).*

Barry Police Station is to be 'enhanced'

BARRY Police Station is to stay open after South Wales Police launched a new 'accessibility strategy' which is expected to lead to the closure of a number of stations.

One station that will definitely close is Cowbridge, where Neighbourhood Policing Team officers will be based at Llantwit Major.

In a statement, South Wales Police said that both Barry and Bridgend stations would have their front office capability enhanced, with either a 16-hour or 24-hour service.

The review says that telephone contact is the most popular with the public, and as a result a new Public Service Centre (PCS), will launch this Spring.

A police spokeswoman said: "At the PSC, staff will try to assist in the resolution of a caller's problem on the spot. If this is not possible they will have the ability to deploy a police officer immediately."

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'Labour's u-turn on Cemetery Approach'

IT appears that Labour are really getting themselves in the thick of it over Cemetery Approach, Barry.

The more we hear, the worse it gets for them. What everyone must remember is that they were in charge of the council when it was proposed to sell off this land.

I am really glad that people like my brother, Richard Bertin had the sense at the time to listen and say no to the proposal.

So why have Labour done a u-turn on it? It is simple. They now realise how wrong they were at the time and in order to win Dyfan ward, which they are desperate to win, they are hoping that this will turn it for them.

What voters need to be reminded of is that it was this very Labour group who tried to dispose of this land. Now there is an election they have changed their minds.

I am not surprised there has been a reaction and there have been letters in the press because the truth needs to be heard.

So everyone now knows that Labour have done a u-turn!

I'm glad to hear that all the other groups on the council all want to keep it for public use. I certainly support retaining it for public use such as a park or garden.

Robert Bertin,
Independent candidate,
Barry.

Labour's pledge on Cemetery Approach

IT appears that Labour's pledge on Cemetery Approach, Barry, has caused some reaction and I would like to make this last comment.

I agree that the planning process for the site was complex. It was established when the planning application was being dealt with. The land in question had been designated for 'open space' more than half a century ago.

Despite this, it had been used for other purposes by previous councils for many years and it was this that caused much of the issue at the time.

However, at the end of the day, planning permission for the Newydd housing was refused.

So why did Labour make the pledge now? It was simply because in July 2008 this Conservative council changed the land use away from open space and declared it 'surplus to requirements', thereby opening the door for another application to build on it.

Since then the council has been silent on the issue. Therefore, Labour decided to make clear their intended use, if they were elected to run the council.

This has clearly sparked reaction, and out of the blue the Conservative cabinet placed that very topic on a cabinet report for Wednesday February 15, seeking a consultation exercise on what to do with it. Now there's a surprise!

However, everyone knows what we would do.

Coun Neil Moore,
Leader of the Labour Group, (Vale Council).

Lively tales to tell!

DR Jonathan Hicks and his friends are doing a fine job publicising this summer's celebration of 70 years since the arrival of US troops in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Porthkerry Park was very important to their deployment and also of great interest to the local female population who were regular visitors.

Yes, those 80-90 year-old ladies around Barry and the Vale still surviving may have some lively tales to tell!

Christopher Short,
Barry.

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'The country code must be followed'

'RAMBLERS DO ACT RESPONSIBLY'

I REFER to the letter in The GEM on February 9 regarding walkers ignoring a stile and instead using a gate into a field, which contained sheep, that they failed to close.

I totally concur with the writer that this selfish and thoughtless act could have had dire consequences and caused serious problems for both the animals and their owners.

However, I would like to speak up on behalf of members of Ramblers (which was the Ramblers' Association) and reassure the writer that its members are fully aware of the Country Code which is a set of rules for users of the countryside, in fact a sort of Highway Code for walkers.

On Ramblers' walks it is the responsibility of the leader to ensure that members of the group abide by the Country Code, and with larger groups, a back-marker is appointed to make sure that all gates are left as they were found – open if they were open and closed if they were not.

It is true that if a stile is provided it should be used. But sometimes, especially with larger groups, if it is safe to do so, and if a gate can be opened, it is an easier and faster method of gaining access and does save time.It is important to remember to close the gate, an act which is second nature to most walkers.

I can see why the writer was incensed enough to contact the local press, but it would have been nice to know where this incident took place.

The GEM has a large readership and if the location had been mentioned it may have jogged the memory of the culprit(s) or even embarrassed them into realising why it is important to secure gates on farming land, especially where animals are kept.

Fortunately, because of the diligence of the owners, on this occasion, a crisis was averted and I sincerely hope that the writer does not class all walkers as reckless, uncaring and inconsiderate, because we are not.

Joy Strangward
(Publicity officer for Penarth and District Ramblers)

'Let public decide on Cemetery Approach'

I REFER to the Barry GEM article, 'Campaign group welcomes Vale Council's initiative on a 'much-loved' area of town', on February 16.

The Conservative Cabinet and the Labour Party election slogans have now told us about how they intend to regenerate Cemetery Approach if they are in power after May's election.

My preference is that the community are heavily involved in deciding the way ahead instead of councillors telling us their plans.

This issue has been badly handled in the past by all the political parties and a little humility from them would not go amiss.

John Donovan
FocusBARRY
supporter, Barry

'WHY ANOTHER EXPENSIVE U-TURN?'

I AGREE with your correspondent in The GEM regarding the proposal to prevent traffic from turning right into Buttrills Road, from the Holton Road/Broad Street junction.

We went through this exercise a couple or more years ago. After a while the scheme was abandoned, without any objections as far as I am aware.

What has changed then to provoke this, presumably, expensive (again) u-turn?

Jim Davies, Barry.

Democracy

Started in Greece (BC) Ended in Barry (AD)

MR Wyn Phillips of Barry has penned this poem on the decision to give Sainsburys the go-ahead to build a store in Park Crescent, Barry:

Wouldn't it be wonderful?
If democracy prevails.
With voters' wishes heeded
And not just heads or tails.

Tossed in the air, without a care
our local points of view,
They cannot see that you and me
Don't want a traffic zoo.

A Romilly pupil, three schools me,
Engraved upon my heart.
The only traffic problem then,
A wayward horse and cart.

But now we're talking lorries, vans,
Children going to school.
Congestion, dangers every day
The Welsh Government's a tool.

Four thousand 'nos' to Sainsbury's store
I'm pleased to say I'm one,
But jumped up 'no marks' tell us all
To go and take a run.

Why do we have a council,
That we all voted for?
When faceless men that we don't know,
Can come and close the door.

On logic, sense and safety
For the area we all know
The useless suits in power
It's a place they'll never go.

I'd like to know the inspector's name,
who sanctioned this ado,
'cos if he's viewed the site at all,
his name must be 'Blind Pugh'

Sainsbury's spokesman Tommy T
Says jobs for one and all,
But families and shops we love
Go crashing to the wall.

There's not a shop in old PC
That will not be affected,
It seems to me the powers that be
should NOT have been elected!

So if this hazard should be built,
This grasping super store,
I hope you all will join with me
And not go through the door.

Wyn Phillips

It's time to end the 'Big Six Energy Fix'

AS Wales is a country which generates and exports more energy than it uses, it is a national disgrace that so many people, especially older people, find themselves having to worry about whether or not to turn on the heating.

Heating and energy are basic needs and no-one should find themselves having to choose between heating and eating, as some people have done this winter. Not having properly heated homes affects people's health.

During the first half of 2011, the big six energy companies made a profit of £3.5bn from consumers in the UK, while at least a quarter of homes in Wales suffer from fuel poverty – where the amount spent on fuel is 10per cent of the household income.

With average bills having doubled in the past five years, the present system is not working for vulnerable people and squeezed household budgets.

There should be a windfall tax on the colossal profits made by the energy companies, ring-fenced to help those in greatest need such as the elderly, the disabled and needy families, so they can heat their homes and improve insulation.

We can't do without energy and heating and we need to put people before shareholders profits. We need to end the 'Big Six Energy Fix'.

Dr Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru, Barry

Barry faces grid-lock

IS the Vale cabinet and planning department blind to the fact that we have virtual grid-lock on the roads of Barry (not to mention Dinas Powys and Wenvoe).

This is before the completion of the 71 houses on Port Road, the proposed 2,000 properties on the Waterfront, and Persimmon Homes' attempt to force the 177 properties on White Farm public open space land.

The planning committee should stop all the construction in and around Barry until our roads and Victorian sewerage infrastructures are brought up to the standard of that required in the 21st century.

Just drive around the streets of Barry one evening and see the amount of cars and vans parked on our streets that drivers and pedestrians must contend with.

This is not rocket science, just common sense.

Bryn Evans,
FocusBARRY
supporter, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
23 Thur	07.17	9.9	19.33	9.6
24 Fri	07.52	9.9	20.04	9.7
25 Sat	08.22	9.7	20.36	9.5
26 Sun	08.53	9.4	21.07	9.2
27 Mon	09.23	9.1	21.34	8.8
28 Tues	09.55	8.6	22.05	8.4
29 Wed	10.27	8.1	22.44	7.9
01 Thur	11.11	7.6	23.42	7.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Suspended sentence for Barry woman (45)

by AJ SICLUNA

A BARRY drugs dealer has been sentenced to six months imprisonment, suspended for a year, and made subject to a year's supervision order at Cardiff Crown Court.

Lynette Timmins, 45, of Hywel Crescent, pleaded guilty to supplying amphetamine, and possession with intent to supply.

Prosecutor David Thomas said police searched her home and found drugs in the lounge and bedroom, as well as electronic scales.

She said she had been dealing in the drug for a couple of weeks, but only to a few friends, and used amphetamine herself.

Over six weeks, said Mr Thomas, she could have made £5,000.

Timmins was said to have seven previous convictions for possessing drugs.

Her barrister, Sarah Waters, said: "She is the sole carer for a young person.

"She lapsed into drugs because a relative was jailed for four years for sexual offences.

"It was devastating for her and she was subjected to abuse, and items were thrown at her in the street. It is no excuse but that is why she did it."

Essentially, said Ms Waters, she sold to friends to cover her habit. Part of the profit was used to pay off debts.

"She was supplying at a low level, and acting on her own."

Said Judge Niclas Parry: "For a short period, you were dealing commercially in the supply of drugs, and profiting from the misery of others.

"There had been an escalation in the seriousness of your offending."

He pointed out that they were class B drugs, and Timmins was making every effort to improve herself.

"Life is not easy for you, " he said.

Jamie would be so very proud of his Dad and Sam

by TIM CHAPMAN

A father from Barry is to run the London Marathon later this year hoping to raise funds in memory of his much-loved son who died of leukaemia at the age of five.

Paul Adamson and his family are well known to GEM readers for their selfless response to the death of five-year-old son Jamie in 2004.

Over the last eight years, the Adamsons and their friends have raised more than £300,000 in Jamie's memory to help families coping with serious childhood illnesses.

Paul told The GEM: "The Jamie Adamson Memorial Fund charity (JAM Fund) has raised a little over £320,000 since we started it in 2005, and owns a static caravan holiday home in west Wales now provided free of charge to children from Wales and the UK who have life threatening illnesses.

"However, I am running in the 2012 London marathon for a different charity – Children with Cancer, which is based at Great Ormond Street, London.

"I am running as part of their team of more than 1,200 runners and six of us are dressed as 'Mr Men'. I am Mr Happy – as you can see in the picture!

"I am trying to raise £2,000 for them in memory of Jamie. The JAM Fund could not secure places in the event because we are not a big enough charity so Children with Cancer kindly offered me a place to run in Jamie's memory."

Paul is also thrilled that his son Sam is running in another of the year's most prestigious events.

"I'm proud to say my older son Sam, aged 19, has been selected to run as an official Olympic torch bearer on the Cardiff to Swansea leg on May 26.

"I nominated Sam as he bravely underwent tests for bone marrow matching for his younger brother when he was just 11 years old.

"At the time, he told me he would donate his marrow even though he knew it meant surgery and discomfort.

"Sadly, Jamie did not survive long enough to get to that stage.

"Since then, Sam has been involved with the Vale Reds disability football team, helping train young men and women to play and socialise together.

"He is also now an official trustee of the JAM Fund children's cancer charity while working away from home as an apprentice carpenter and joiner."

Over the years, The JAM Fund has become well known not just in Wales, but in the north of England where Paul's family have relatives.

Paul added: "If people would like to donate to my London effort and help children with cancer, I would be extremely grateful if they would visit my fundraising page online at www.virginmoneygiving.com/paulada mson."

Paul is planning to run the London Marathon as 'Mr Happy' for a children's cancer cause – let's hope he doesn't over-heat en route!

Three choirs are in harmony for charity appeal

AS part of a drive to raise £70,000 for renovation and repairs to the All Saints Church organ, the fundraising sub-committee has secured the support of Barry Male Voice Choir, Barry Ladies Choir and All Saints School Choir for a concert on Wednesday February 29 at All Saints Church (7pm).

A spokeswoman said: "This is the first time the three choirs will perform on the same stage, and they are excited at the prospect.

"The varied programme will appeal to all and includes old favourites such as 'Men of Harlech', and also some new editions such as 'Get Happy' and 'Build Me Up Buttercup!'"

Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased at the door. Doors open at 6.30pm."

Councillor's surgery

THE Labour councillors for the Gibbonsdown ward, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, will be holding a street surgery in the Slade Road/Collard Crescent and Monmouth Way area on Saturday February 25, 11am till 12 noon.

Just display the notice, which will be delivered a few days before, in your window and the councillors will call.

Family service at All Saints, Penarth

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a family service this Sunday, February 26 at 10am.

The worship will focus on a theme of discipleship, using the Noah's Ark story and Jesus' calling of his first disciples as examples, and will be suitable for all ages. Refreshments are served afterwards on the new gallery floor – all are welcome. ***MG***

Councillors' surgery

COUNS Katherine Kemp and Marguerita Wright will be holding a surgery this Saturday, February 25, at Colcot Community Centre, Keats Way, (off Winston Road), Barry , from 10am-11am. No appointment is necessary.

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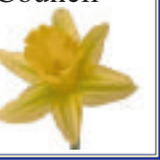

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£7.5 million 'green hotel' arrives at Waterfront and brings 68 local jobs

by TIM CHAPMAN

WORK began this week on a new £7.5million hotel and restaurant in the heart of the town that will create 68 local jobs.

The Premier Inn and Brewers Fayre Restaurant at the Innovation Quarter, Barry Waterfront, has been heralded as one of Wales' "most sustainable hotels".

Whitbread, the hotel's parent company, awarded the construction contract to Carter Lauren and expect work to be complete by autumn 2012.

The 80-bedroom hotel will occupy a prime position overlooking Fford y Mileniwm and Barry's No.1 Dock.

It's management hope it will provide accommodation for business people and tourists visiting the Vale.

Whitbread says it anticipates 68 permanent jobs will be created when the hotel and restaurant opens.

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On completion, the building will have an 'Excellent' BREEAM rating (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) – making it one of the greenest and most energy efficient in south Wales.

Richard Pearson, the acquisition manager for Whitbread Hotels & Restaurants, said: "Our new Premier Inn and Brewers Fayre at Barry Waterfront will really kick off the next phase of the regeneration of Barry Waterfront.

ABOVE: An image of what the Premier Inn will look like when work is complete.

"The new hotel and restaurant is in an absolutely fantastic location, right on the Waterfront, offering our guests the combination of a prime location together with the great value that they expect from Premier Inn.

"As a business, we are committed to cutting our carbon emissions and our investment in Barry will create one of Wales' greenest hotels.

"The building will be full of energy saving technologies and design features, and we are using locally sourced building materials whenever possible to save carbon and give the building a sense of place."

TOURISM

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "I am delighted with the start of this development and look forward to the opening of Barry Waterfront's first hotel later this year, an important regeneration project delivered thanks to the hard work and commitment of this council, the Welsh Government and Whitbread."

The local MP, Alun Cairns, welcomed the fact that the project was creating long term local employment.

"Whitbread is investing a substantial amount and I was pleased to hear that around 68 jobs will be created when the hotel and restaurant open in the autumn.

"It's the first hotel to open on Barry Waterfront, and is a great example of strong private and public partnership – with the Vale Council helping to stimulate successful urban regeneration in our town."

Paul Haley of Pride in Barry said there would be significant economic benefits for the town in the long term.

"Tourism day visits are increasing in Barry, and the Premier Inn development will create an opportunity for overnight stays, which is proven to substantially increase spend in an area.

"We see this as a reflection of the growing confidence and optimism in Barry and the Island, and look forward to its opening."

ABOVE: Lee and Ian are shown here with their friends at last year's Cardiff 10K race. From left to right: Lee Griffiths, Leigh Tomlins, Matthew Ferris, Ian Phillips, Ian's girlfriend Louise, Christian Ferris and Anthony Evans.

The Brains Trust is to benefit as....

Lee turns 'Marathon Man' for his pal Ian

A man from Barry can claim to be a genuine 'Marathon Man', committing himself to running 26.2 miles every week this year to raise money for a brain tumour charity.

Lee Griffiths, a 39-year-old architect, is running for The Brains Trust after his close friend Ian Phillips was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2010.

Ian's life changed almost overnight – he couldn't work, drive or walk. Through help he entered a slow period of rehabilitation which helped him to come to terms with the psychological effects of the surgery and illness.

The Brains Trust is at the forefront of brain tumour research, helping to fund projects and research posts across the UK, looking at earlier diagnosis and better treatment options.

Lee is hoping that through his 'year of marathons' and the extra awareness it generates, he can help people in the same predicament as Ian.

Lee, a father of three, said: "The plan is to run four to five hours a week, every week in 2012, and also to enter 10k runs in Cardiff and Swansea, along with the Cardiff half marathon."

To help sponsor this worthwhile cause, please go to: www.justgiving.com/26point2by52

New Tory chairman is elected in Dinas

DINAS POWYS Welsh Conservatives held a well-attended annual general meeting on February 8, at Oakfield, Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys.

The chairman, Mr Andy Roberston, said: "It has been an honour and pleasure to be branch chairman for the last four years and I would like to thank everyone for their support."

Members unanimously elected Mr Nigel Streeter to be the chairman for the coming year.

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In Olympic year, Adizone officially opens on Barry Island providing outdoor opportunity to keep fit

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE new Adizone multisports area at Barry Island was officially opened on February 18 by the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp.

The all-weather facility, just off Paget Road, features 12 keep-fit equipment stations, a basketball area, football goal, tennis wall, a climbing wall and an open area for aerobics, dance and gymnastics.

Inspirational images of five of Great Britain's top sports stars are depicted in the Adidas branded area, and the facility is open daily and will be floodlit until 9pm each evening.

Local school children were among the first to put the colourful new equipment through its paces.

Coun Kemp said he was keen on the ethos of Adizones because they were free and encouraged people to take part in physical activities: "The Adizone aims to help people of all ages get active in the run up to the London 2012 Games and beyond.

"The addition of this new facility gives families even more opportunities to take part in physical activities and the best thing of all is that it is completely free to use, making it accessible to all."

Funding was provided by the Welsh Government via the Barry Regeneration Fund and Section 106 money.

More than 50 AdiZones have now been installed across the UK.

TRADERS

Island councillor Steffan Wiliam said that since the Adizone had been constructed it made sense to promote it.

However, he claimed: "In a meeting with traders and local councillors last February, the Conservatives told everyone present that the Adizone was free and threatened that if they did not commit there and then to having it there, they would 'take it somewhere else'."

Coun Wiliam, who pointed out that he was present at all the meetings with the traders, insisted: "It was on the basis of this misinformation that an indicative poll was taken among the traders present, who were given no real choice other than to accept it.

"The traders quickly reversed this decision at their next meeting, when the real costs and implications of the scheme were then made clear."

Coun Wiliam went on: "However, the proposals had already been rushed to the planning committee for consideration by then and were subsequently approved, despite major concerns expressed by the police, residents, traders and local Plaid Cymru councillors.

"The Adizone has actually cost nearly £250,000 – this is money taken from the £9m regeneration money that Plaid worked so hard to deliver for the people of Barry in 2010.

"Though I welcome the fact that this previously derelict site has now been cleaned up and put to use, I question whether this was the best use that could have been made of the regeneration money and whether it could have been located in a better site on the Island."

He said many local people had favoured the idea of investing in the 'tidal paddling pool' scheme.

The GEM will be running a full response from the Vale Council to Coun Wiliam's remarks next week.

ABOVE: Coun Gordon Kemp officially opened the Adizone facility and is pictured alongside Couns Anthony Ernest, Steffan Wiliam and Nic Hodges.

Poppy appeal raised £32,000 in the Vale

Mr Keith Harris, Mr Nick Hughes (assistant manager) and Mr Berry Williams, Barry branch member of the RBL, are pictured outside Morrisons.

President of the Barry branch Royal British Legion, Mr Keith Harris, recently presented certificates of appreciation, from the RBL to managers of the supermarkets in Barry, to thank them for allowing Poppy Appeal collectors into their supermarkets to collect for the Poppy Appeal 2011.

Keith said: "The Branch thanks the public for their generosity. The grand total collected in Barry and the Vale was £32,699.78p."

'Friends of Beaches' next litter pick

BARRY based environmental group 'Friends of Barry Beaches' will be holding its February litter pick, on Sunday February 26, meeting at the usual time of 3pm.

We will be meeting at Jackson's Bay (by the public toilets). Please remember to wrap up and wear decent strong boots or shoes.

Last month's litter pick at Porthkerry beach saw 35 volunteers spending a productive hour helping to remove fishing line, plastic bottles, drink cans, nylon rope and glass from the beach.

The co-ordinator of FoBB, Coun Rob Curtis, told The GEM: "I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us month after month.

"Barry people do care about the state of their beaches and are willing to do something about it."

The secretary of the group, Verity Allely, added: "Everyone is always made to feel very welcome." **RC**

St David's Day concert

PLEASE join Barry Male Voice Choir in a patriotic celebration of St David's Day at the Sir Samuel Romilly, Broad Street, Barry at 7pm.

'Friends and Neighbours' holds first meeting of year

'FRIENDS and Neighbours' held its first monthly meeting of 2012 at the Senior Health Shop with new members welcomed.

There were more than 30 members who enjoyed chatting together over a cup of tea or coffee and cakes, discussing the forthcoming programme including a trip to the garden centre in Radyr, lunches and Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June.

A Valentine quiz was enjoyed by all.

There is now a waiting list for the club. We are so pleased the group has grown, enabling senior citizens to enjoy a pleasant afternoon out and make new friends.

For further information, contact Gay Fifield on 01446 400044. **GF**

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION OF ACCESS) (ALLEYGATING PHASE 13C BARRY (TIDY TOWNS)) ORDER 2012

Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 & 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), Highways Act 1980 section 129A and of all other enabling powers, proposes to make an Order, for the purpose specified in section 1(f), the general effect of which is described in the schedule below.

1. Full details of the proposal to include a copy of the proposed order and plans may be inspected at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry and the address shown below during normal office hours, and, any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref: TO/13B/BM/09) in writing by 16th March 2012 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

2. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

Except as provided by the proposed order:-

3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed, at any time, along the service lanes specified in the schedule below.

4. No person shall proceed on foot or pedal cycle, at any time, along the service lanes specified in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE

The length of Service Lane to be restricted is:

Barry

Lane to the rear of 25 to 51 Trinity Street.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2012

M. E. Punter, Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2012

(GWRTHOD MYNEDIAD YN ARDAL) (CODI GATIAU PEN LÔN 13C BARRI – TREFI TACLUS)

Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adrannau 1 a 2 o Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), Adran 129A o Ddeddf Priffyrdd 1980 ac yn unol â phob p_er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn i'r diben a nodwyd yn adran 1(f) gan gael yr effaith gyffredinol a ddisgrifiwyd yn yr atodlen isod.

1. Cewch weld y cynnig cyfan, gan gynnwys copi o'r gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau a gynigiwyd, yn Swyddfeydd Dinesig Heol Holton y Barri a'r cyfeiriad isod, yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Dylech gyfeirio unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Bennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy (Cyf.TT/BM/13B/09) ar ffurf llythyr erbyn 16th Mawrth 2012, gan egluro'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu..

2. Os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn, cofiwch fod gan y cyhoedd hawl o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985 i weld unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu gwneud, a bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor i ddarparu ar gyfer hynny.

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Public exhibitions to be held in the Vale

'LDP consultation must affect planning outcomes' claims a local campaigner

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE six week consultation period for the Vale's Local Development Plan began earlier this week on February 20.

For people who have an interest in how the area will develop over the next two decades, it is an opportunity to make their views made known to local authority decision makers.

The LDP can impact on issues such as housing, tourism, employment and business.

Coun Jeffrey James, the cabinet member for planning and transportation, urged people in the Vale to provide feedback.

He said: "The draft plan provides the focus for sustainable growth and regeneration of all our communities while protecting the environment for future generations.

"Once adopted, the plan will ensure that key decisions relating to the future use of land, and proposals for development, are made consistently, based on policies that are up to date and fit for purpose.

"I would like to thank all those who have engaged in the process to date and look forward to receiving people's views on what is an important strategic document."

But one veteran of local campaigns on planning issues argued that the consultation might be viewed as a "charade" because the system was just not accountable enough.

Dennis Harkus, who helped to organise opposition to a development of flats at Cemetery Approach, told The GEM: "Planners appear unaccountable to the democratic process for the actions and recommendations they make.

"The planning and decision-making process seems remote, unreceptive to challenge, and the decision takers involved appear aloof and dismissive to concerns that do not complement the desired outcome.

"My experience has been gained from the Cemetery Approach and White Farm proposals.

"Decision makers appeared to treat the development plan in those instances as a 'pic 'n' mix' document."

To illustrate his point, Mr Harkus described the changing perceptions of White Farm over the decades – from sacred green space on one side of the spectrum to a suitable space for more houses on the other side of the spectrum.

"In the case of White Farm, planners started off in 1980 describing this land as 'a county treasure', a proposed 100 acre park and a 'green lung'.

"But an independent inspector's recommendation in 2000 was for 5.2 hectares of housing – but that changed to 6.3 hectares, and from 130 dwellings to a recommendation of 177!"

Mr Harkus said that unless the consultation itself affected outcomes, the community would look upon it as pointless.

During the consultation period the 'Deposit LDP', together with supporting documents, can be viewed at the council's main offices and libraries or on the council's website.

Public exhibitions will be held at:

West House, Penarth (Saturday, March 3, 10am – 1pm and Wednesday, March 14, 2pm – 7pm).

Cowbridge Town Hall, (Saturday, March 10, 10am –1pm and Tuesday, March 20, 2pm – 7pm).

Llantwit Major Town Hall (Wednesday, February 29, 2pm – 7pm and Saturday, March 24 10am – 1pm).

Dock Office, Barry (normal office hours throughout the six week public consultation period and on Saturday, March 17, 10am – 1pm).

Representations can be made using an online comment form, which will be available at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp. Paper forms will also be available from Vale libraries and main council offices.

The closing date for comments on the plan is Monday, April 2 2012, 5pm. The council will not consider representations submitted after that date.

Swimming lessons in leisure centres

BOOKINGS are now being taken for new 'Adult and Child' swimming lessons at the leisure centres in Barry and Penarth, in which children as young as four-months-old can take to the water.

The classes at Penarth Leisure Centre will take place every Monday afternoon from February 27, with a class between 2pm and 2.30pm for children aged four months up to 18 months, and a toddlers class between 2.30pm and 3pm for youngsters aged 18 months to three years old.

Friday, March 2 will see the start of the weekly classes at Barry Leisure Centre.

There will be a class every Friday between 2pm and 2.30pm for children aged four months up to 18 months, followed by a class between 2.30pm and 3pm for youngsters aged 18 months to three years old.

Classes are being held during school term time blocks and will cost £4.40 per half hour class.

To find out more call 01446 403000 or visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/leisurecentres.

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DROP-IN SESSIONS ABOUT THE EMISSION REDUCTION PROJECT AT ABERTHAW POWER STATION

RWE npower is currently developing proposals to install technology at Aberthaw Power Station that would limit emissions of the NO_x released as a result of the combustion process and further reduce the environmental impact of the station.

The next stage of the Emission Reduction Project will be to submit a planning application to Vale of Glamorgan Council to fit the technology, known as selective catalytic reduction (SCR), later this year. We will also be seeking a variation to our operating license from the Environment Agency to incorporate these improvements to the station.

In advance of the application submission, we are holding three drop-in sessions to provide you with an opportunity to find out more about our proposals and speak to RWE npower representatives about any questions you might have.

The sessions will take place on:

Thursday 1 March – 12:00 until 19:00
Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, CF62 3EZ
Friday 2 March – 12:00 until 19:00
St Athan Community Hall, Glyndŵr Avenue, St Athan, CF62 4PP
Saturday 3 March – 13:00 until 17:00
Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, CF61 1TF

We hope to see you at one of these sessions and look forward to hearing your views and answering any questions you might have about our proposals. In the meantime, if you require further information please contact us at aberthaw@rwenpower.com.

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The end of an era for aircraft maintenance at RAF St Athan base

TODAY, February 23, 2012, the last Royal Air Force aircraft will leave the base at MoD St Athan after 75 continuous years of aircraft maintenance, modification, repair and overhaul of military aircraft.

The Spitfire.

ABOVE: A VC10 about to land.

The RAF base at St Athan opened in 1937 and has served as a flying and ground training station as well as an aircraft maintenance base for the last 75 years.

Just before – and during – World War Two, many different types of aircraft were assembled, test flown and maintained at St Athan, as well as at near-by Llandow, which in those days was connected to St Athan by a taxiway that can still be seen to this day when flying over the area.

Since the war, various aircraft types have been maintained at St Athan including the following:

Auster, Beaver, Beverley, Buccaneer, several marks of Canberra, Dominie, Harrier, Hawk, Hunter, Hurricane, Jaguar, Javelin, Jetstream, Lancaster, Lightning, Lincoln, several marks of Meteors, Phantom F4, Shackleton, Spitfire, all marks of Tornado, Twin Pioneer, Valiant, Vampire, Venom, Victor, Vulcan and finally the VC10.

It is the final VC10 tanker aircraft which will be the last to leave, the type being continuously maintained at St Athan for the past 20 years.

Once the last aircraft has left the base today, DSG St Athan will close and disband and that, very sadly, is that.

At its peak, 3,500 service and civilian personnel were in involved in aircraft maintenance at the unit and from next month that number will have gradually reduced over the years to zero.

All a great shame really, especially because between the Welsh Government and the Ministry of Defence, more than £200 million pounds has been spent at the site in the last 10 years with little or nothing to show for it.

The £100 million plus Red Dragon hangar remains empty as do many of the other aircraft maintenance facilities at the base.

Wg Cdr I N Cyder RAF (retired)

Charity tractor run

THE 'Tractor Boys of Aberthin' will be holding another vintage tractor road run on Sunday, March 25 in aid of Ty Hafan hospice.

It will start from Arthur John car park in Cowbridge, with coffee and tea to start. Lunch at the Blacksmiths Arms, Llanmaes.

Entrance is £10 per tractor and £5 for lunch, 9.30am-10am. For further information call Martyn on 07973 889712 or Jeff on 07544 725223.

Latest Barrivale bridge results

Here are the recent results from the Barrivale Bridge Club:

Tuesday, February 14, Session 2 Mixed pairs championship; 1st Carol James & Mike Close 76.1,

2nd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 56.9, 3rd Sean MacDougall & Diana Kendrick 53.17.

Carol & Mike also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intend, after expiry of the one calendar month from the publication date of this notice to apply to the Welsh Government for confirmation of Byelaws made by the Council under section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964.

Copies of the Byelaws will be kept at the office of the Council at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU, and will be open to inspection without payment on any weekday during usual office hours for one calendar month from and after the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the Byelaws will also be supplied on receipt of an application accompanied by a fee of £2.00 for each copy.

Any objection to the confirmation of these Byelaws may be made by letter addressed to Alyson Tyler, Library Development Adviser, CYMAL, Welsh Government, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UR within one calendar month from the publication date of this notice.

P.H. Evans, Director of Legal, Public Protection and Housing Services

Dated the 16th February, 2012

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Barry man 'stabbed' his friend in 'reckless' fight

A MAN recklessly stabbed a friend as the pair rolled around on the floor in the kitchen of a house in Barry, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

Jonathan Lake (22), formerly of Cresswell Road, Barry, now living in Rogerstone, near Newport, admitted wounding Stefan Smith.

He was sentenced to 51 weeks imprisonment, suspended for a year, made subject to a supervision order for a year and to carry out 300 hours unpaid work, plus pay costs of £500.

Judge Niclas Parry said the defendant and the victim had learned their lesson.

Prosecutor Helen Roddick said that on August 6, the two men turned up drunk at a house in Barry.

Raised voices were heard in the kitchen where there were a number of knives.

Mr Smith suffered cuts to the stomach, neck and shoulders. Shortly after, the two men began to scuffle and the defendant was heard shouting: "I'll burn this house down, I don't care who's in it."

Soon after, the pair rolled around on the floor and one of the knives was seen in Mr Smith's chest.

Lake repeatedly said: "I'm sorry, I'm sorry." He began to panic and tried to help Mr Smith.

The court was told that Mr Smith didn't wish to make a statement to the police, but was found to have suffered a one-inch cut to the chest.

Lake said he could remember very little of the incident, and believed they had been "playing with knives".

Defence solicitor Adam Sharpe said: "The victim was wholly unwilling to complain. It was an unusual incident and Lake has no convictions.

"It was wholly out of character and there has been no psychological impact on the victim.

"What happened was wholly reckless and wholly unintentional. They were friends, and remain friends.

"Lake cares full-time for his grandmother, and he is adamant he won't repeat this behaviour. He is young enough to learn from what has been a salutary experience."

Judge Niclas Parry said: "This is what happens when people resort to the use of knives. You were so drunk, you were out of control of your senses."

He said Lake was fortunate not to be facing a more serious charge.

Man threatened debt collector with a metal bar

A DEBT collector was confronted by a man who approached him with a five-foot metal bar when he went to a house in Barry.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that Royden Worrell shouted: "You are not having any ****ing money."

Worrell (39) of Westbury Close, Barry, admitted possessing an offensive weapon and was jailed for six months, suspended for one year.

He was also made subject to a supervision order for 12 months and a 7pm-6am curfew for two months involving electronic tagging.

Judge Niclas Parry said: "This involved a public servant, a man doing his job, and you frightened him.

"Clearly, only custody can be justified, but you have made efforts to improve yourself and address issues."

Prosecutor David Thomas said the debt collector went to Worrell's home to collect a sum of money.

Then Worrell went inside and returned holding a five-foot metal bar, which was brandished towards the debt collector's torso.

Barrister Alex Greenwood said: "He had been addicted to heroin since the age of 15 and was taking methadone. He acted extremely stupidly.

"That day, he had not taken his medication and behaved in an inappropriate, unlawful manner."

Man was drugs 'custodian'

A 40-year-old man who was "the custodian" of a quantity of drugs has been sentenced to a community order for a year, made subject to a supervision order, and to carry out 120 hours unpaid work.

Gary Gillett (40) of Afan Close, Barry, admitted possessing amphetamine with intent to supply.

Judge David Wyn Morgan said Gillett was hopelessly addicted, but he was trying to come to terms with his problem.

Prosecutor Matthew Cobb said Gillett had been asked to look after a quantity of drugs and was "essentially the custodian".

On January 16 last year, police spotted him acting furtively in Pontypridd Road, Barry. He was searched and officers found a hypodermic needle and a quantity of amphetamine.

Initially, Gillett said the drugs were for his own personal use.

His barrister, David Pinnell, said: "He was not involved in commercial dealing. He was holding the drugs for a dealer."

Said the judge: "It's obvious you are determined to rid yourself of your addiction."

JANICE WINS FREE FARMERS' HAMPER

JANICE GILLIAN of Penarth was the lucky winner of the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market free hamper.

Crammed full with the very best in local produce, her hamper was presented by Jan Rees, treasurer, and collected by her friend Angie Wigford (*pictured*).

The next Farmers' Market at Westbourne School is this Saturday, February 25.

ABOVE: Angie Wigford receives the hamper on behalf of Janice Gillan.

CCTV ARRESTS

THREE people have been arrested in Barry and Penarth as a result of CCTV monitoring.

CCTV operators contacted the police on 32 occasions during the week ending February 19.

One arrest took place on February 13, on Holton Road, on suspicion of theft, and another on Broad Street, on February 18, on suspicion of being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle.

On February 19, an arrest also took place on Windsor Road, Penarth, in connection for assault and attempt to escape from lawful custody.

Also, on February 17, one missing person was found on Main Street as a result of the CCTV.

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Vale children on stage with musical maestro

PICTURED: Seven of the eight children taking part (George Neeson was absent in the rehearsal) who are all aged between 9-13 years old, with musical director of the project Tim Rhys Evans, and Only Men Aloud choir mentors Craig Yates, David Mahoney and Dan Phillips.

EIGHT local youngsters – Huw Jones from Cowbridge, Seren-Fflyr Hamilton from Llantwit Major, Elinor Parsons from St Athan, Rebekah West from Dinas Powys, Ceri Vaughan-Jones from Llantriddyd and Lucy Miles, Darcey Corria and George Neeson from Barry – will be appearing alongside maestro Valery Gergiev with Mariinsky Opera in Cardiff, as part of the Only Kids Aloud chorus this spring.

Tim Rhys-Evans, managing director of Only Men Aloud, in association with Wales Millennium Centre, has scoured Wales for talented young girls and boys to create an 85-strong children's choir which will perform alongside the world famous Mariinsky Opera on the Donald Gordon Stage at Wales Millennium Centre on April 1.

Mariinsky Opera of St Petersburg, Russia will perform a concert version of Wagner's *Parsifal* and Mahler's 8th Symphony under conductor Valery Gergiev.

The BBC National Chorus of Wales will also be forming part of the large chorus required for these works.

Vale AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, February 25, at Cowbridge Town Hall from 10am to 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

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PACT meetings across the Vale

BARRY PACT:
CADOC PACT public meeting will be held at 6pm on February 28 at Palmerston Community Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent, Barry.

COURT PACT public meeting will be held at 7pm on March 8 at Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Gibbonsdown Rise, Barry.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact Barry Neighbourhood Policing team on 01446 731623 or you can log onto www.ourbobby.com.

VALE PACT:
RHOOSE PACT public meeting will be held on February 23 at Celtic Way Community Centre at 7pm.

TWYN-YR-ODYN coffee and chat meeting will be held on February 28 at the Horse and Jockey public house at 11am.

YSTRADOWEN 'coffee and chat' meeting will be held at the White Lion public house on March 6 at 11.30am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing team on: Llantwit Major 01656 869447 or Cowbridge 01656 869450 or you can log onto www.ourbobby.com.

PENARTH PACT:
STANWELL PACT public meeting will be held on March 2 in Elfed Avenue United Church at 7pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT public meeting will be held on March 7 in Lower Penarth Community Centre, Brockhill Way at 7pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a Penarth meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing team on 02920 527361 or you can log onto www.ourbobby.com.

Recycling levels are up in the Vale

VALE residents now recycle, compost and reuse an impressive 54.48 per cent of their waste, according to results for October, November and December 2011 – a figure that is up by 11 per cent compared to the same period the previous year.

Coun Geoffrey Cox, cabinet member for visible and building services at the Vale Council, praised residents for supporting recent changes in waste management collections, saying: "I regularly meet residents whose passion and enthusiasm for recycling is apparent. This is especially so since we moved to our co-mingled recycling system in September."

"Evidently our residents are responding positively to reducing, reusing and recycling even more. I thank everyone involved for their efforts and recognise that performance improvements have only been achieved by their hard work and goodwill."

A recent survey revealed that 80 per cent of respondents strongly agreed that co-mingling makes it easier to recycle, while 62 per cent strongly agreed they will recycle even more now the Vale has a co-mingled service.

The council recently announced that Vale residents could recycle three new materials in their weekly collections. Clean foil (uncontaminated by food and chemicals), cartons (such as those used for juice, smoothies and pet food) and emptied aerosols are all being accepted, along with paper, glass, cans, card and plastic.

The Welsh Government has set all local authorities the same targets for minimum levels of preparing for reuse, recycling and composting for municipal waste; failure could mean heavy fines may be imposed. By 2012/13 the Vale must achieve 52 per cent.

MASKED BALL

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan is hosting a charity masked ball on Saturday, April 28, at Dyffryn Gardens.

The evening begins with a bucks fizz reception followed by a four-course dinner with dancing with the Bridgend Swing Band.

Tickets £30 each, available from the Mayor's office on 01446 709301. All proceeds will go to the Mayor's charities, Myeloma UK; Llamau; and Action for Children.

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Officer redundancy packages questioned by local campaigner

PROPOSALS on how the Vale of Glamorgan Council's senior management will be restructured should be finalised soon.

The council points out that there are 'set arrangements' that govern how much employees get in the event of redundancy.

However, one campaigner on local issues in Barry claimed there would be "outrage" if senior council staff were given big redundancy payments at council tax payers' expense.

Speaking on behalf of Barry Plaid Cymru, Steven Blakeman said: "It's about time that the Vale Council came clean about the redundancy packages that are being considered for the top tier of officers.

"There was supposed to be a special council meeting when this was to be discussed but it was pulled at the last minute."

Mr Blakeman, who has campaigned for a better anti-flood infrastructure in the town for more than four years, added: "What my neighbours and, I'm sure, the whole town wants to know is how much is this going to cost us?

"These officers are already paid very well. In excess of £130,000, I believe.

"Why should they be in line for massive and unnecessary pay offs?"

Mr Blakeman claimed there would be concern if the officers received 'golden goodbyes' on top of their usual salaries and pensions.

"Is it true that each well paid executive is likely to receive, in addition to their usual pay and their pension, an extra golden goodbye in the order of £30,000 tax free?

"How could this possibly be justified? We could be heading for a £100,000 total pay-out.

"Think what this money could do in the town. Maybe some of the dreadful potholes could be repaired. How about some substandard pavements being resurfaced?"

The GEM put Mr Blakeman's concerns to the Vale Council and a spokeswoman explained: "Proposals to restructure the council senior management have not yet been agreed.

"The proposals will go before full council in the near future.

"When any council officer is made redundant there are set arrangements that govern their redundancy package – these arrangements apply to all grades of staff, including chief officers."

ABOVE: Coun Jeff James is optimistic that funding for traffic lights on the Docks Link Road will be forthcoming in the next financial year.

INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT MAIN JUNCTION

Vale Council seeks funds for the Docks Link Road

The Vale Council has submitted a bid for funding to the Welsh Government to enable it to implement work to resolve the road safety issues on the Docks Link Road.

If the bid is successful, the scheme would include the introduction of traffic signals at the Coldbrook Road East and Argae Lane junctions.

The scheme is being supported by the South East Wales Transport Alliance and would be delivered in the new financial year – after April 1.

Coun Jeffrey James, the cabinet member for planning and transportation, said: "The need for new safety measures on this stretch of road is indisputable and a top priority for the Vale Council's road safety programme and we are extremely confident that the bid will be accepted.

"The council has an excellent track record of delivering road safety schemes in recent years, and I am sure that the ability of this council to deliver on key road safety measures will be a factor which the Welsh Government will take into account when considering the bid."

There has been a general acceptance that while fatalities on the road have not necessarily been caused by the configuration of it (driver errors have sometimes been a cause), slowing the speed of traffic would be beneficial – hence the idea of lights.

One Barry resident has been in touch with the Vale Council because he is so concerned at the length of time it has taken to sort out safety on the road.

Mr Jeff Heathfield claimed people were becoming frustrated by a lack of action.

He said: "The Vale Council has dragged its heels on this very dangerous road for far too long.

"I wanted to remind the council about this issue because I know many Barry people are frustrated that nothing is happening.

"The opposition and the council seem feeble on this matter and I believe members of the public need to intervene in council business to get things moving.

"Those standing for election want our vote in a few weeks, so now is the time to raise awareness.

"I feel the community has had more than enough public posturing about this dangerous road and it's time something was done."

Mr Heathfield added: "Actions speak louder than words: this has dragged on for far too long."

Barry residents, Jeff Heathfield (right) and Dennis Harkus say something needs to be done on the link road as a matter of urgency.

Cowbridge learns all about African charity

A LOCAL charity, 'Africa Mothers Foundation International', held a lively Zimbabwe information evening, with African food and talks at the Little Shop of Calm, Cowbridge, on Sunday, February 19.

The Cardiff-based charity is a women led organisation linking communities in Wales and Zimbabwe, to help end global poverty by educating girls.

The evening was opened by Vale based horticulturalist Sophie Durnan, who runs the Riverside Market Garden and box scheme in St Hilary.

She gave a report of her visit to Zimbabwe in November to see a women's co-operative, The Sezanani Garden, which is being assisted by the charity.

Bekezela Nsingo, the charity's Zimbabwean-born founder, gave a highly motivational talk of how her life had been changed by education and how this had enabled her to begin the charity.

Currently more than 1,050 young girls have their schooling fees paid through the Keep Girls in School campaign. This costs just $10 per term per child.

The evening was a chance for people from across the Vale to find out how they could get involved, delicious African food was provided and over £100 was raised for this good cause. Thank you to everyone who attended.

For more information, visit www.africanmothersfoundation.org.

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APPEAL AFTER RACING BIKE IS STOLEN

A picture of the bike stolen in Penarth.

POLICE in Penarth are appealing for information after a distinctive racing bike was stolen on Windsor Road on Wednesday (February 15).

The Cube Agree men's racing bike, which is worth £1,600, was stolen from outside Pearn's Pharmacy at around 9am. The model is rare in this country and was specially imported by the owner from Germany.

Anyone who may have witnessed the theft, or may have seen the bike since, is asked to contact Penarth Police Station on 101.

Dyspraxia group's March meeting

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, March 5 at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (as well as related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asberger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes).

Free admission to Dyffryn Gardens

TO celebrate St David's Day, Dyffryn Gardens will be open to the public for free on Sunday, February 26.

Opening times are 10am - 4pm, with the last entry admitted at 3pm.

For more details, visit www.dyffryngardens.org.uk

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ESU lunch in Cardiff

THE South Wales branch of the English Speaking Union (ESU) held a lunch at the Cardiff City Stadium last week, when over 100 members attended.

An enthralling talk was given by retired diplomat Stephen Day entitled 'Is the Arab Spring turning sour?'

Stephen served in the Yemen, Canada, Beirut and the United Nations and was Ambassador to Qatar and Tunisia.

He gave the background and experiences of working with political leaders, and his views on events in the Middle East in the last year and on future changes in the area. He then stayed to answer questions, and members hope that he will pay a return visit next year.

The next meeting will be on April 11, when Colin Dexter will speak on 'Morse' and 'Crosswords'. The ESU schools' public speaking finals will also be in March.

For details contact chairman Derek Morgan on 01656 669129.

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THE speaker Stephen Day (right) with Mrs Lyn Beck, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan and (behind) Derek Morgan, Branch chairman.

Plaid planning coffee morning

THE residents of Llandough are invited to a free coffee morning on Saturday, February 25, in the Llandough Memorial Hall, Penlan Road, 10am to 11.30am.

The invitation has been issued by the local Plaid Cymru team and is an opportunity to discuss local matters. One talking point is the council's plans for 170 houses in the community.

Steve Thomas (Plaid spokesperson) said that the new build would be along Penarth Road/Llandough Hill and also along Leckwith Road.

Flog it! coming Cardiff museum

POPULAR BBC2 antiques programme *Flog It!*, presented by Paul Martin, is coming to Cardiff.

The major BBC2 antiques series regularly gets an audience of two million viewers each weekday, and the National Museum Cardiff will be hosting a valuation day on Monday February 27 from 9.30am until 4pm.

Rather like a treasure hunt, members of the public are invited to bring along up to three antiques and collectables they might be interested in selling. Once valued, the owner and team of experts decide whether it should go forward for auction. If the item is chosen it is sold a few weeks later – often with the owner making a tidy sum.

Everyone who goes along will receive a free valuation, even if their antiques are not chosen to go forward for auction.

Previous programmes have seen a small cream jug sold at auction for £1,300; a ceramic bowl, bought for £4 at a car boot sale, achieving £1,500; and a lady in Aberdeen sold a Shelley tea set for a huge £3,400!

More recently, a gentleman who brought in a ceremonial cup made from rhino horn: it later sold for £44,000!

Series Producer Heidi Ellert says: "Paul Martin and the entire *Flog It!* team are really looking forward to bringing the show to Wales. National Museum Cardiff is housed in such a magnificent building full of fascinating artifacts; it will provide the perfect setting for our valuation day event.

"We all hope you will join us on the day for a free valuation. If you've ever wondered how much your boot sale bargains or clutter in the loft might be worth, now is your chance to find out."

Presenter Paul Martin will be joined on the day by antiques experts Mark Stacey and Catherine Southon.

The National Museum Cardiff is at Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NP.

The Grand Hall and restaurant are the only areas of the museum which will be open on the filming day; all others will remain closed.

The auction will take place on Thursday, March 21 at Anthemion Auctions and will be broadcast as part of the eleventh series.

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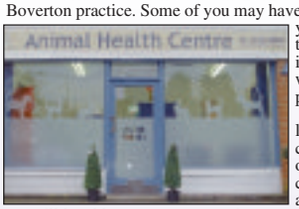

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Tesco take over at Royal Hotel

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However, Carol Brown of Roys Toys on Main Street and Ann Jones of D Rhys Jones & Son on Barry Road, while sympathising with local supermarkets, believed the arrival of Tesco could be positive for the Cadoxton.

Mrs Brown explained: "I think it could help to tidy up the area. The building has been left too long and needs work done on it. Something had to done.

"All businesses face the possibility of a competitor moving in to their area."

Mrs Jones said: "I think it will be good for the area and hopefully bring more people in to it. At the moment the building looks a mess."

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Dinas Powys WI take a trip down memory lane

THE Dinas Powys WI February meeting began with the president welcoming members, including two returning 90-year-olds after successful operations.

We have booked our birthday dinner for March 29, and are hoping to run two coach trips later in the year, one to Avebury Manor in Wiltshire and the other to the National Botanical Gardens near Carmarthen.

The usual monthly activities will take place. Craft group will be knitting 'Hats for Heroes', the book club are currently reading *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, and we hope to walk in Penarth on February 23 along the cliff top, again weather permitting.

A winner of the local bursary, Jill David, showed a woven basket which she had made.

Speaker for the evening was Mike Wilcock, who started his working career in a silk factory in Morcambe.

While there, he began organising dances and concerts introducing at the time unknown groups and bands, including The Rolling Stones, The Shadows, Helen Shapiro, Alma Cogan, Roy Orbison, David Whitfield and many others.

For an hour we were taken down memory lane on a nostalgic journey while he reminisced about life in the 50s and 60s.

It was the time we were all growing up so it brought back many happy memories of songs which had tunes and words which you could hear.

Mike was thanked by Veronica Chapman.

The competition for an evening bag was won by Stephanie Cousins, and there were two raffle prizes, Jane Brown won one and Nola Coxon won the flower display which was donated by Sue Colman. Next month's meeting is on Tuesday, March 6, when speaker, Sheila Lo, will talk on 'The Ramblings of a Boathouse Guide.' All are welcome in the Lee Hall at 7.30pm.

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Concert

BARRY Lions Club has organised a St David's Day charity concert, featuring the Cantorian Creigiau Choir, on Saturday, March 3, 7.30pm in the Old School, Sully.

Island pupils are litter pick heroes

Two 'Super Heroes' tidying up the environment.

BARRY Island pupils undertook local litter picking as part of their 'Super Hero Day'.

As you can see from the school's pictures, what they to contend with on the Clive Road steps was nothing short of shocking.

The pupils plan to put up signs warning litter-bugs not to be repeat offenders!

ABOVE: One of the enthusiastic, young volunteers.

Memorial match is for charity

THE Nigel Westall Memorial rugby match will take place at Sully Sports and Leisure Club on Saturday, February 25.

The match between Sully Sports RFC v Sully RC will kick off at 12.30pm and spectators are invited to stay and watch England v Wales (4pm kick off).

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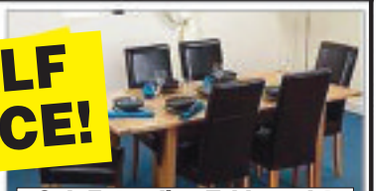

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Out and About with The GEM

Shocks and scares aplenty in creepy British horror film

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

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PRIOR to November 2001, Daniel Radcliffe was merely a child actor who had popped up in small roles in TV's *David Copperfield* and *The Tailor of Panama*. One reasonably successful movie franchise later, in the shape of *Harry Potter*, and Radcliffe has become a bankable movie actor having also earned his spurs on the stage in *Equus* and *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*.

The first stage of his post-Potter career comes in *The Woman In Black,* where Radcliffe plays Arthur Kipps, a widowed lawyer who is tasked with sorting out the papers of a deceased woman. Travelling to the local village, Kipps soon discovers there is a vengeful ghost who is terrorising local children, and as he digs deeper into her backstory uncovers intrigue and mystery...

The first move of Daniel Radcliffe having put Harry Potter to rest was always going to draw attention, with people eager to see just what he was capable of outside of Hogwarts and spells. The answer, based on the evidence of *The Woman In Black*, is that Radcliffe has much promise, shining in what is a spooky and, at times, terrifying horror film that harks back to scares and jumps rather than blatant blood and gore.

Director James Watkins may have only made one film, but that effort, *Eden Lake*, was a chilling look at ASBO youth, and Watkins carries that air of malevolence into this film; the subject matter couldn't be further away, but tonally the films share the same air of suspense and danger.

Watkins' direction is steeped in the classic school of horror, delivering a showcase in showing only the merest hints and allowing the audience's expectations to take over. The result is jumps and scares that come sometimes out of the blue, sometimes just a moment before you expect them, Watkins cleverly plays with convention and offers fresh shocks that work incredibly well.

Visually he creates a bleak look to the film, the colours mainly greys and dark blues, shadows lingering on the edge of the shot; it is impressive direction from Watkins, contributing plenty to the overriding feeling of spookiness and atmospherics that pervade every frame.

In the lead, Daniel Radcliffe is impressive as Kipps, and any lack of believability in him playing father to a young boy is superceded by his ability in playing the tortured lawyer caught up in a maelstrom of eerie happenings and spooky incidents.

It is a performance that requires reaction rather than action, but Radcliffe gives the character an edge of darkness and realism that brings him to life.

There is a solid supporting cast of British talent, Ciaran Hinds and Janet McTeer shining brightly as a troubled husband and wife who are trying to process their own problems with the ghostly woman; the former bringing a level of gravitas and mystery to the character, while the latter delivers a memorable, if slight (thanks to the script) turn. Her mental breakdown gives way to spooky outbreaks of writing that add to the ambience.

Jane Goldman's script does a good job of transferring the book to the big screen, making it more filmic and handling the tone well, while the altered ending, though not quite the dramatic and hard hitting one of the original story, does at least give the film a poignant and emotional conclusion.

As good as the film is, there is a feeling of it building towards something that never comes. It ends with a whimper rather than the bang you would be expecting, but it is still a superbly-made and eerie offering that is a step above most horror offerings.

The Woman In Black is a scary film for the more discerning horror fan.

VERDICT: A nerve jangling, jumpy scarefest, *The Woman In Black* kickstarts Daniel Radcliffe's post-Potter career with oomph.

A strong central performance from the actor, along with skilled direction from James Watkins, makes the film a top quality effort that is definitely worth catching.

Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Amityville Horror* (1979), *Dark Water* (2002).

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR, AND WHERE, IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

National judge's 'allotment' talk

LLANTWIT Major Horticultural Society's next meeting is on Wednesday, February 29 in the Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm.

Mr Mel Saunders, a National Vegetable Society Judge and former speaker at Pencoed College, will give an illustrated talk entitled 'The Allotment Through the Seasons'.

Admission to the talk, refreshments and raffle are free.

All are welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend.

For queries, contact the secretary Sylvia Geary on 01446 792087.

Atal-y-Fro fundraiser

ON International Women's Day, a women's aid project, Atal-y-Fro, is holding a fundraising event on March 8.

Tickets are on sale for £12, and includes a cabaret night and disco, with a hog roast.

There will be an awards ceremony with nominations for women who have helped within the community of the Vale in memory of Edwina Vaughan, who contributed endlessly to help women in the Vale.

The award is 'The Edwina Vaughan Award'. It will be given on the night of International Women's Day. Contact the office on 01446 744755 to purchase tickets for the evening.

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Sporting memorabilia

KAREN TIMBRELL of Cardiff, whose daughter Holly was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour at the age of 13, is auctioning various items of sporting memorabilia, which includes Wales rugby s football memorabilia, to raise desperately needed funds for Brain Tumour Research.

Bids need to be received by half-time (4.45pm) during the Wales v England Rugby International this Saturday, February 25.

Karen says: "As a family we are committed to doing all we can to raise funds for research into brain tumours. We want to help find a cure for this terrible disease before it is too late for Holly. We are aiming to raise as much as we can from a silent auction of four lots and hope that everyone will spread the word among their friends and families, as well as on Facebook and on Twitter."

The first lot is an official training shirt from the Wales Rugby World Cup 2011, signed by the entire squad.

Lot two is a framed collection of Welsh footballers autographs from the 2011 Football Association of Wales Awards.

Lot three is a signed photograph of middleweight boxing legend, Jake LaMotta.

The fourth lot is a Wales rugby ball signed by the 2009 squad.

To enter a bid for any of these items, send an email to rugbyshirtbid@hotmail.co.uk, stating the lot you are bidding for with your highest bid.

Bidding closes on Saturday, February 25 at 4.45pm.

For further information, contact http://www.justgiving.com/HollyTimbrell or www.braintumourresearch.org

Antique fair

AN antique and collectors' fair is at the Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff, on Sunday, February 26, 10am–4.30pm.

Stalls include militaria, glass, jewellery, furniture, Welsh shawls, vintage linen, ceramics, art, books and vintage fashion. *Telephone 02920 512349 for more information.*

Win tickets!

Live music at the Memo, with T Rextasy and Bublé Fever

Awarded the accolade of 'The Best Live Tribute Band in the UK' by the BBC, T.Rextasy bring one of the most flamboyant and charismatic bands of the original glam rock era to the Memo on Friday 2nd March. T.Rextasy play homage to Mark Bolan's biggest hits, such as '20th Century Boy', 'Telegram Sam', 'Metal Guru', 'I Love To Boogie', 'Get it On', and of course 'Children of the Revolution'.

Truly a rock'n'roll concert for all ages - If you would like to know exactly what a Marc Bolan concert was like in the 1970s, then this show is for you!

Charming, talented and utterly gorgeous it's no wonder that Rickie Arthur, from Newport, has been recognised as the best tribute to Michael Bublé in Europe! Rickie Arthur, and Bublé Fever, is setting the world of music alight at the Memo on Friday 9th March, with an unique and distinct interpretation of not just Bublé, but some of the world's greatest swing, big band and Motown artists.

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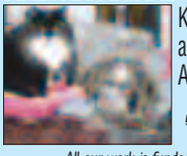

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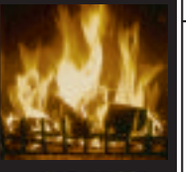

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The National Eisteddfod team are in their red camper van!

Eisteddfod Marketing Visits

WITH the National Eisteddfod fast approaching, the festival team will be out and about in the Vale on February 28-29.

Travelling with Dilys, the super shiny red camper van, the team will whizz around the region distributing information, chatting to the public and businesses about what to expect at the Eisteddfod, held at the old airfield in Llandow in August.

Festival chief executive, Elfed Roberts, says: "This is the first time for the National Eisteddfod to come to the Vale for 44 years, so while some people will have memories from last time, there are two generations of local people who will be finding out about the Eisteddfod for the first time this year.

"It's important for us to make sure that we promote the festival locally over the next few months, so we've hired Dilys the camper van for a few days over the next few months, to whisk us

around the Vale to meet as many people as we can.

"It's an important time for us as we launch our concerts programme on February 28 and all tickets will be on sale from March 1 onwards.

"Our latest information brochure will also be distributed across the whole of Wales from the end of the month.

"On Tuesday morning, February 28, catch us in Barry market, and then in the afternoon, we'll be out and about in Penarth. The following day, we'll be in Cowbridge in the morning and we'll then spend the afternoon in Llantwit Major, so if you're in any of those towns on Tuesday or Wednesday next week, come over and say hello.

"Thanks to everyone who got in touch inviting us to take Dilys to their town or village over the next few months.

"She'll be joining us again on April 26 when we celebrate 100 days to go, and on June 15 to celebrate 50 days to go, when we'll be visiting as many places as we can across the region. "

All slots have now been filled and details will be posted online – *www.eisteddfod.org.uk* – and this is where you'll also be able to buy tickets to the Maes and the concerts from March 1 onwards.

For more information on Dilys go to www.van-goch.co.uk.

GYDA'R Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn prysur agosau, bydd criw'r Brifwyl yn teithio o amgylch y Fro ar Chwefror 28-29.

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Byddwn yn cyhoeddi manylion y daith yn llawn ar ein gwefan – www.eisteddfod.org.uk – a dyma lle i fynd i brynu tocynnau Maes a thocynnau cyngherddau o Mawrth 1 ymlaen.

Am ragor o wybodaeth am Dilys ewch i www.van-goch.co.uk.

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THE seventh annual Building Excellence Awards are set to be held in Bridgend on Wednesday 29 February 2012.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's Building Control team, the awards are designed to showcase high-quality buildings and recognise design teams who have overcome technical issues by developing innovative and creative solutions.

Nominations for the awards are provided by the council's Building Control surveyors who are responsible for supervising the projects as they progress on site through to the completion of the building work.

With the ceremony set to take place at the Civic Offices in Angel Street, there are nine categories of award. The winners are judged on their construction and technical building qualities.

The awards will be presented by Deputy Mayor Councillor Marlene Thomas, Councillor Phillip White, Cabinet Member for Communities, Councillor Mike Gregory and Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration and Development.

The winners will also go forward to the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) awards for South Wales, which will be hosted by television and radio personality Jason Mohammed at the Vale of Glamorgan Golf and Spa Resort on 20 April 2012.

The winning entries from South Wales will then have an opportunity to be recognised on a national scale at the LABC National Building Awards in London this November, where they will compete against entries from the rest of the UK.

Councillor Phil White, Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "The LABC awards have become well established over the last few years and have played an important role in promoting the many Building Control services offered by the council.

"We have also created a new planning award based on the LABC categories which is intended to encourage further high-quality design work and help make more companies aware of how the council's Building Control and Planning services can offer expert help and support."

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PROPOSED: EXTENSION

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BUILDER: SELF BUILD – MR HOCKRIDGE

ARCHITECT: STUART BENTLEY BA (Hons) Arch., B Arch. (Wales)

The design of the scheme considered the provision of a cohesive and modern solution which respects and enhances the existing building's physical constraints, while maintaining the character of surrounding properties, and combined the use of both traditional and modern materials and building methods.

Good communication between the owner, architect and the many trades involved in construction, along with close consultation with Building Control, resulted in a very pleasing transformation of the property, built to a very high standard.

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CATEGORY 2: Residental

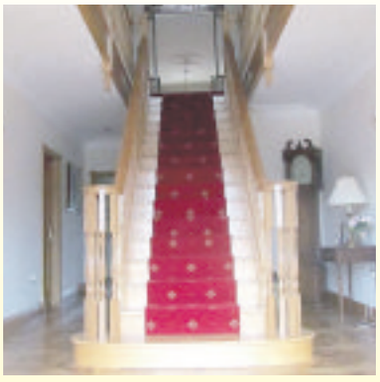
SINGLE DWELLING

PROPOSED: NEW DWELLING

ADDRESS: LAND AT NOTTAGE MEAD, PORTHCAWL

BUILDER: CB CONSTRUCTION

ARCHITECT: ALLAN D SHAW



From the design of the dwelling through to construction and completion, the owner's focus was on energy conservation and sustainability, with the intention where possible, to use recycled or reclaimed materials from local renewable sources. In addition, the building design allowed for natural ventilation, incorporated high levels of insulation and utilised waste storage and water harvesting systems, and a ground source heat pump. Good communication between the contractor, architect and Building Control throughout the construction process resulted in the delivery of a functional family home, completed to a very high standard.

CATEGORY 3: Residental

TWO TO TEN DWELLINGS

PROPOSED: 10 NO. NEW DWELLINGS
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ARCHITECT: LLANMOOR DEVELOPMENTS CO. LIMITED

During a four-year period of the above development, the first phase has already been completed within the site.

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CATEGORY 4: Community/Healthcare

PUBLIC BUILDING, COMMUNITY CENTRES, HOSPITALS

PROPOSED: NEW SURGERY
ADDRESS: MIN-Y-NANT, HENDRE ROAD, PENCOED
CONTRACTOR: MIDAS CONSTRUCTION
ARCHITECT: STRIDE TREGLOWN
CLIENT: ABERTAWE BRO MORGANNWG

The site was identified for a new Medical Centre close to the District Centre in Pencoed, and will replace the existing doctors' surgery that was operating out of a 'temporary accommodation' building.

Throughout the development of the scheme, the design team of Stride Treglown and the main contractor, Midas Construction, engaged with Abertawe Bro-Morgannwg NHS Trust, the end user, and the Local Building surveyor to ensure that the building is capable of catering for all the unexpected demands on a development of this type.

Dedicated accessible parking bays are situated close to the entrance and reception area, ensuring ease of access for disabled patients.

It is important to note that this scheme achieved a BREEAM rating of Very Good, with all credits for the Excellent rating under energy consumption.

In conclusion, the new surgery will maximise the service provision for the local community in a modern, sustainably designed building that is easily accessible to the general public and a credit to Midas Construction, who maintained a close working relationship with the Building Control surveyor throughout the project.

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CATEGORY 5: Best Education Building

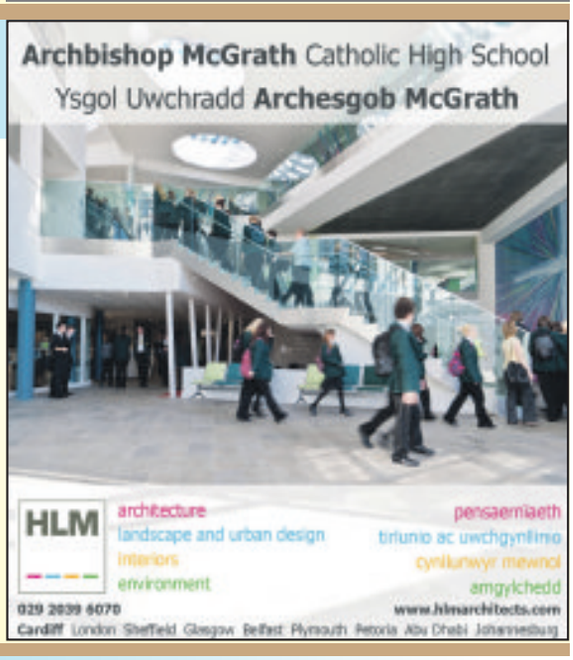
PROPOSED: NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL
ADDRESS: ARCHBISHOP MCGRATH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, BRACKLA, BRIDGEND
CONTRACTOR: LEADBITTER GROUP
ARCHITECT: HLM ARCHITECTS
CLIENT: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF/BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The design team of HLM Architects and Leadbitter Construction were tasked with the challenge of designing and constructing a state of the art school for the 21st Century, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, the Welsh Assembly Government and Bridgend County Borough Council.

The site itself presented a number of challenges, not least the fact that the building is situated on a significantly steep gradient. However, the school has been cleverly designed and constructed to follow the profile of the land.

The materials used create a contemporary feel that responds to the aesthetic traditions and culture of the region, and are durable and low maintenance, ensuring the operational costs are minimised.

The overall team work approach between all parties was a major benefit to the success of the scheme, the result being the exceptional, inspiring and exciting educational establishment that is Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School.



CATEGORY 6: Best Commercial

SMALL (UP TO £5 MILLION)

PROPOSED:
SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION UNIT
ADDRESS: COITY ROAD, BRIDGEND
CONTRACTOR: M J COSGROVE
ARCHITECT: PENTAN PARTNERSHIP
CLIENT:
UNITED WELSH HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The building was constructed to provide 6 No, self-contained flats that will provide temporary accommodation for homeless people.

The proposal also includes communal facilities such as a common room and a utility room.

The development combines stonework with coloured render masonry cills and string course detailing.

Working space was at a premium due to the size and location of the site adjacent to a busy roundabout.

The building was completed to a very high standard with excellent communication between the contractor and the Building Control surveyor.

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CATEGORY 7: Best Commercial

LARGE (OVER £5 MILLION)

PROPOSED: EXTRA CARE UNIT

ADDRESS: LLYS TON, WAUNBANT ROAD, KENFIG HILL, BRIDGEND

CONTRACTOR: COWLIN CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

ARCHITECT: PENTAN PARTNERSHIP

CLIENT: VALLEYS TO COAST HOUSING LIMITED

This new development of 39 self-contained flats has been designed and constructed to meet the Welsh Assembly Government's primary aims of extra care, which are to foster independence, enablement and choice.

Successfully handling the setting of an Extra Care Scheme into a neighbourhood of this scale set a significant design challenge.

Built to a contemporary style using materials that are in harmony with the surrounding areas, it is both functional and environmentally friendly.

The thermal performance of the building exceeds the requirements of L2A Building Regulations 2000, and incorporates renewable technologies in the form of solar PV panels, as well as a highly efficient CHP system, generating electricity while providing heat to the building.

The development achieved a BREEAM Excellent energy rating as required by the Welsh Assembly Government to publicly funded projects.

The construction process set its own challenges, not least the location which is set on a busy road in a residential development, with storage space for materials at a premium and a tower crane 'swinging' its way around the skyline.

Thanks to the determination, professionalism, and perseverance of Cowlin Construction, the Extra Care Unit has now become a 'flagship' building for Valleys to Coast Housing Limited.

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CATEGORY 8: Sustainable Project

COMMERCIAL

PROPOSED: NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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CONTRACTOR: LEADBITTER GROUP

ARCHITECT: HLM ARCHITECTS

CLIENT: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF/ BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

One of the key issues that were demanded of the design was sustainability.

The approach to a passive design was crucial to the success of the project, not only to reduce the carbon footprint of the school, but also to reduce the running costs, which is a key driver for the Local Authority.

Leadbitter met the environmental objectives by, crushing the rock excavated from the building's footprint and reusing it in the construction, whilst the majority of the materials used in the structural work, hard landscaping, roofing and external framework were also from recycled local sources.

The building also benefits from solar thermal heating and a solar photovoltaic power source. An intelligent building management system and SMART metering also ensures that energy is conserved from power lighting and heating throughout the school.

Additionally, rainwater is captured and used to supply the WCs in the school with a water recycling unit on each floor.

A green sedum roof on the plant room provides for water attenuation. Improved insulation values to all the building elements resulted in 20% increase to the minimum values set out in Approved Document L2a of the Building Regulations 2000.

Leadbitter completed this project incorporating and managing all these forms of technology in the construction, resulting in Archbishop McGrath High School becoming the first school building in Wales to achieve a BREEAM Excellent reading, for which they should be commended.

CATEGORY 9: Social Affordable Housing Project

PROPOSED: THERMAL UPGRADE OF 61 NO. PROPERTIES

ADDRESS: BLACKMILL, BRIDGEND

CONTRACTOR: FRANK HASLAM MILAN

ARCHITECT: MICHAEL DYSON ASSOCIATES LIMITED

CLIENT: VALLEYS TO COAST HOUSING LIMITED

The scheme incorporated the provision of an external render cladding system, and on some dwellings isolated structural repairs.

The dwellings were also provided with a combination of renewable energies in the form of solar photovoltaic panels and/or air source heat pump installations.

The site is located on an exposed hillside. The works were undertaken whilst the properties were still occupied. Access had to be maintained throughout the project with the least inconvenience to the residents.

This presented a challenge for all parties during the construction procedure and involved close liaison with all parties concerned.

The contract was however, completed with the minimum of disruption and has provided a considerable enhancement to both the community, the occupants and to the environment.

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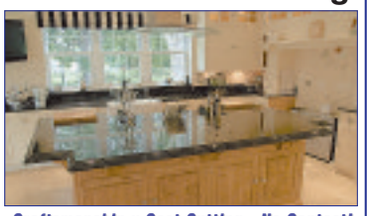

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Cardiff City dream again of Cup glory

LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS previews the weekend's big football match.

THERE will be a slightly empty feeling to Cardiff city centre on Sunday as nearly 33,000 Bluebirds supporters make their fourth trip in as many years to London's Wembley Stadium, this time to watch their team take on the might of Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool, in what is probably the most hotly anticipated Cup tie for many years.

While the failed play-off final against Blackpool outmuscles this game in terms of importance, the fact that Liverpool, who hold a massive fan base of their own throughout Wales, are the opponents adds an extra bit of spice to proceedings. A lot of fans are finding themselves with split loyalties.

A 3-0 defeat away at Ipswich Town on Saturday wasn't exactly ideal preparation for such a fixture, but City fans will undoubtedly be buoyant with hope that a performance on par with the 60 minutes in which Peterborough United were annihilated at Cardiff City Stadium last Tuesday comes to the fore.

Cardiff's recently shaky defence will have to improve if they want to keep the likes of Luis Suarez quiet. They are sweating on the fitness of captain Mark Hudson, who has missed the past few games through injury, and they will be hoping he can return to continue the promising partnership he has enjoyed alongside Ben Turner since the powerful defender joined from Coventry City in August.

Kenny Miller will, injury permitting, spearhead manager Malky Mackay's favoured 4-5-1 formation and he has tasted matches of a similar ilk in his days at both Glasgow Rangers and Celtic.

But it is undoubtedly the fan's favourite and mercurial midfield man Peter Whittingham who holds most of the aces in Cardiff City's hand, and much of their hope will ride on whether he can find the space between Liverpool's star-studded midfield to use his wide range of passes.

Cowbridge under-14s dominant

COWBRIDGE under-14s travelled to Pencoed RFC with only 15 players due to holiday absences, but still managed to give a strong performance.

Cowbridge got out of the blocks quickly and a strong forward platform allowed the backs to go on the offensive. Within 10 minutes, Pete Anderson used his pace to power around the opposition backs to score the first try, which was followed by a customary run by Nathan Robson to put the score at 10-0.

The Cowbridge team were now very much in the ascendancy and capitalised again with a try by Eugene Richards, who duly converted the score, and another by Tom Lucas to make the half-time score 22-0.

The second half was more evenly matched and Cowbridge had to defend manfully to prevent Pencoed getting on the scoreboard.

The hosts lost the ball in midfield after some excellent defence from Matt Harper, Hywel Williams and Rian Thomas, and Fraser McGhan kicked ahead where Anderson just beat him to claim the touchdown.

Cowbridge again started to impose themselves, especially as the game had gone to uncontested scrummaging due to injuries in the Pencoed pack, and Tom Evans ran through the defence, only to be tackled high five metres from the line, resulting in a penalty try.

The scoring was rounded off by another try from Richards to make a final score 39-0.

A big thank you to Pencoed RFC for arranging the fixture and for their post-match hospitality.

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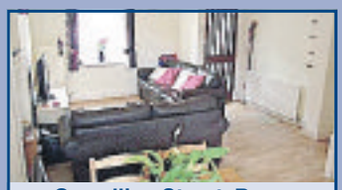

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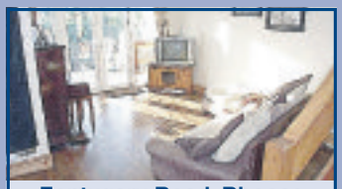

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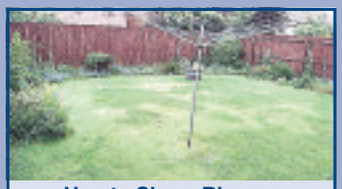

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News from the Barry Men's Forum

Speaker tells story of the Johnstown floods disaster

THE speaker at the last meeting of Barry Men's Forum, Alun Underhill, gained an interest and knowledge of the great Johnstown floods of 1889 almost by accident.

Some years ago on a visit to Pennsylvania he decided that a view of the great Horseshoe Curve on the railway would be worth seeing.

This was such a landmark and vital transport link that Hitler had dispatched commandos during WW2 to destroy it. Their enterprise was a debacle and it stands today.

Alun Underhill found that in the USA, freight is given a priority not afforded to passengers and after going around the famous curve on an Amtrak train, he was stranded for many hours in the nearby industrial town of Johnstown with a great deal of time to spend in the museum there before a return passenger train was due.

What Alun discovered was hugely interesting and formed the basis for his talk to the forum.

The town was a typical mid-century North American creation with huge mining interests of coal, copper and iron.

Built in something of a beauty spot in a steep valley, civilisation as it sprang up was necessarily confined to a flood plain.

Before the advent of railways, canals were needed to move industrial products away and these tended to run dry in the summer, necessitating the creation of a top-up lake some miles away to keep them supplied.

After the creation of the railways local monied people, such as Andrew Carnegie, formed an association to build cottages around the lake and raise its level by adding one hundred feet to its original dam's height.

The whole area was beautiful, but little seems to have been done after the raising of the dam's level to strengthen the original structure, which was basically made of mud.

The lake, which carried a considerable weight of water was one and a quarter miles wide. Townspeople reported more and more leaks, but an 'expert' called in declared the whole structure to be sound.

There was a lack of skilled workers available during the mid-century expansion of Johnstown and many with skills from the UK were recruited and moved there, especially from Wales.

Mr Underhill pointed out that to this day, Welsh speakers in the area require two newspapers to be printed in the Welsh language.

In May 1889, a large number of citizens from Johnstown were gathered to observe Memorial Day when a massive storm hit the area.

On this day, May 21, a horseman who obviously knew what others did not, galloped through the town shouting to those assembled to flee for their lives.

Many thought the rider was drunk when, with a noise like a clap of thunder, the dam burst. 25 million tons of water were released into the town valley, forming a wave 60 feet high and moving at about 50 miles per hour.

The wave was immense enough to hit Pittsburgh some 60 miles away and in the Johnstown area it is thought that at least 2,000 perished on that day, many of them of Welsh extraction.

Some estimated the figure to have been far higher and bodies were still being found months after the event.

The enquiry following the disaster found that many warnings of possible trouble had been ignored.

Although it was concluded that the original lake and dam had only been built to maintain the canals at a much lower level and not as a much deeper leisure lake,. no legal action was taken.

Indeed, the original dam had been built with sluice gates which had been designed to let water escape safely if the need arose. Since the lake owners thought this might allow precious fish to escape they were allowed to rust over and became useless.

There have been several floods in the area since the horrendous one described by our speaker, and improvements have been made by the United States Congress as recently as 1991.

Our speaker this week is Alan Thorn who will speak on the 'Assassination of JFK'.

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30am in the hall of the United Reformed Church, Barry. New members are very welcome. For further details call 02920 594881.

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Penarth Computer Club – WRITING AND DELETING FILES

WHEN you create a new file on your computer and want to save it you press File, and then Save. A dialogue box appears and you give it a filename.

You decide where it is stored by nominating or creating a folder. Then you press Enter. The file is saved to the disc and the computer knows where to find it.

How does it all happen? Your hard disk is formatted so that the computer has a map of the drive. The circular disk platters, of which there are a stack of several, are divided (electronically only of course) into sectors (segments) and circular tracks. Two or more sectors of a single track constitute a Cluster. Files are written electronically using laser read/write heads that traverse the disk surface without actually touching it, taking as many clusters as necessary to contain the file. Space on a partly used cluster is unavailable for use by another file. A tiny file will therefore use a whole cluster regardless.

Each cluster has an address reference that is stored in an index file on the disk. The file is known as the File Allocation Table (FAT) and records the folder structure you have created and remembers in which cluster(s) each file is stored so that it can be found. (This FAT is also copied to another part of the disk just in case the original becomes corrupted).

The FAT is updated every time a file is changed. If you amend the file, the original is overwritten when you save it. If your file is now larger and needs more space, the FAT is adjusted to take note of the additional space. By reference to its FAT file, the computer knows which clusters are available for writing to and which are not.

If you drag and drop a file from one folder to another on the same disk, the computer simply updates the FAT file to record the change.

It doesn't actually move the target file at all, but the filename now appears in the new folder (note that if you drag and drop to a different disk, the file is not moved, but copied to the new disk and added into the new disk's FAT).

When you delete a file it is sent to the Recycle Bin. Again, only the FAT is adjusted and the file stays put. If you decide to restore the file, then the computer simply reverses the change to the FAT.

If you delete the file from the recycling bin, the FAT is simply adjusted to indicate that the space occupied by the file is now available to be written on. The file is still there and can be retrieved with specialised software until such time as the clusters are over-written.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 28, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 7.30pm. We will take a look at an E-book reader (a Kindle). For more information, call 029 20708439.

WHAT'S ON - in brief

Railway society meets tonight

TODAY's meeting of the Barry Railway Society (Thursday, February 23) is at 7.30pm in the Barry Dock Conservative Club.

John Evans and John Wilmot will talk/show slides on 'Steam in Switzerland' and 'A look back at the Great Western Society at Didcot'.

Sully surgery

THE Councillors for the Sully ward of the Vale Council Anthony Ernest and Sarah Sharpe, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, February 25, at the Lower Penarth Community Centre, from 10am-11.30am.

Residents with questions about any of the Council's activities are most welcome to attend. No appointments are necessary.

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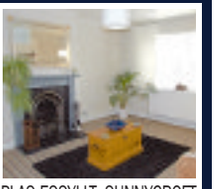

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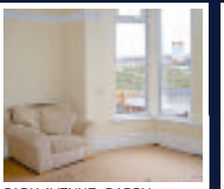

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Sully Sports set marker with a hard-fought win

From the start Sports put Tongwynlais under pressure with some excellent ball handling skills and impressive scrum-maging that saw the home team camped on their own try line for the first 15 minutes of the game.

However, some stern defence kept Sports at bay and this was to be the story of the first half. With the referee allowing a free flowing game both sides threw the ball around in attack and stood firm in defence.

Sports got the upper hand early on and attack after attack followed, but when the need arose the Sports stood firm in defence. Halftime arrived and it hadn't seemed like 40 minutes had passed.

Both sides continued the same after the break, throwing the ball around in attack but also the Sports forwards stepped up the challenge and dominated the scrums.

SULLY SPORTS RFC	19
TONGWYNLIAS RFC	5

Sports showed how far they have come this season by keeping the home team out and the pressure saw Sports camp in Tongwynlais' 22.

Tries came from Adam Wheeler and John Dimond, with three penalties converted by Chris Cummings making the final score 19-5 to Sports, a great way to kick off the second half of the league season and keep the pressure on for promotion to Division Six.

This Saturday sees the seventh annual Nigel Westall charity match as Sully Sports/BP RFC vets take on Sully RFC. All players are to be at the club for 11:30am ready for a 12:30pm kick off. Please come along and support what is always a great day and is for a good cause.

Team: Jody Velda, Jamie Griffith, Adam Wheeler, Ben Such, Michael Angove (C), Jon Blake, Dean Russell, John Thomas, Jason Evans, John Dimond, Chris Cummings, Nathan Szuchnik, Andrew Buckland, Stuart Morgan, Wayne Jones, Nathan Taylor. Reps. Nathan Rees, Matthew Phillips, Alex Szuchnik.

Training takes place Monday and Wednesday at Sully Sports; all welcome.

Well done to Scott Sandford who recently represented the WDRU against Rugby Gogledd Cymru 1404.

He has been selected to train for the England international at Fylde on Sunday, February 26, so good luck to Scott and the team.

Also, Scott has been asked to travel as part of the WRDU squad to play the Estonian national team in June.

If anyone wishes to sponsor him please contact the club, this is a great opportunity not only for the WDRU but for Scott as well.

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Boxing brothers join Wall of Fame

TWO sporting brothers from Barry are the latest names to be added to plaques on the Wall of Fame in the County Library, Barry.

It was created by the Vale council in 2009 to recognise international sporting and cultural achievements of people associated with the Vale.

Andrew Selby is a flyweight boxer and holds the European Amateur gold medal and the World Amateur silver medal. Andrew recently qualified for the 2012 Olympics.

Lee Selby is a featherweight boxer and is the British and Commonwealth featherweight champion and the Welsh and Celtic featherweight champion.

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Family Notices

MURRAY
Lynda

Peacefully on February 13 at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

Lynda - well known for her time working at Morgan, Bruce & Co, devoted partner of Tony Davies.

Lynda will be greatly missed by all her loving family.

Resting at Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, until her service at New Jerusalem Church, Tynewydd Road on Tuesday 28th February at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Vale of Glamorgan Memorial Park, Port Road East, Barry. Immediate family flowers only - donations in lieu may be made in the service to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Lynda. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis at Park Funerals 01446 421212.

RAIMENT
Frank

Andrew and Leigh Raiment are sad to announce the death of their father Frank who passed away suddenly on 9th February 2012 at the age of 89.

Frank was well known and well liked around Cowbridge having lived in the town for over 40 years. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 24th February at the United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge at 2pm followed by interment at the Limes Cemetery.

O'BRIEN
Cynthia (Cindy)

On February 21st, peacefully at home, surrounded by her family at The Acorns, Aberthin.

The beloved and loving wife of Mike and devoted mother of Andrew and Daniel. Dearly loved mother-in-law of Elin, and cherished sister of Ann, Margaret, Phyllis and Edgar and sister-in-law Maureen.

The family would like to thank the district nurses, doctors and staff of Cowbridge & Vale Medical Practice and the many friends and family who enabled Cindy to spend her last days at home.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research.

Funeral Service on Tuesday, 28th February at Holy Cross Church Cowbridge at 1.45pm where friends please meet, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.

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Birthdays

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Welcome Home

Paul
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Barry Yacht Club holds its annual awards evening

BARRY'S outstanding yachtsmen and women and the local sailing heritage were all celebrated at Barry Yacht Club's annual dinner and awards evening on Saturday, February 18.

Club veteran John Hart provided a highly amusing account of the trials and tribulations of sailing in the Bristol Channel.

The Commodore's Plate for outstanding services to the club was presented to Maxine Cattle.

Praising the club's members for their achievements, Roger Donkin, a vice president of Barry Yacht Club, said: "Barry is a yacht club that caters for both dedicated sailors through to 'landlubbers' content to enjoy just the social side. The various awards were a fitting tribute to sailing achievements."

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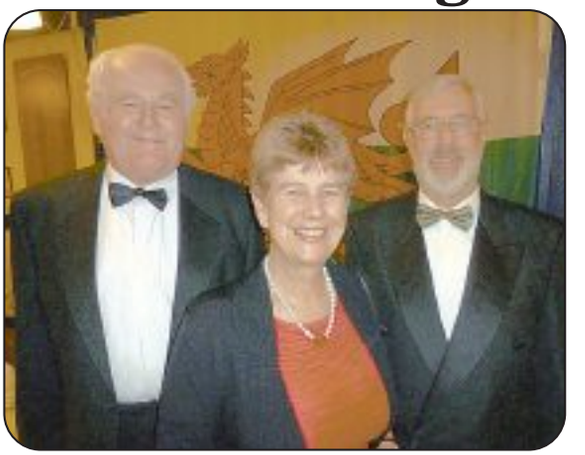

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: John Hart, Jane Hutt the Vale s Assembly Member, and Roger Donkin.

POLICE OPERATION CRACKS DOWN ON METAL THIEVES

POLICE in Barry have joined forces with partner organisations to crackdown on metal theft.

'Operation Valance' saw officers from South Wales Police, British Transport Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the Vale Council and Trading Standards among others, visiting sites identified as dealing in both scrap and motor salvage in the area.

The positive day of action came as part of the multi-agency aim to identify offences and disrupt those scrap premises involved in crime.

Chief Inspector Jay Dave of South Wales Police said: "This partnership day of action builds on the success of previous operations in the Barry area.

"Metal theft in any form is a blight on society. I can assure our communities that we will continue to work effectively with our partners to tackle the issue and bring perpetrators to justice."

Police officers involved in the operation.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(ST ANDREWS ROAD (PART), DINAS POWYS)

(30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND AMENDMENT) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than twenty one days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below:

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Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

Proposed 30 miles per hour speed restriction

Make new Order

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Existing 20mph Speed Restriction

Amend Existing Order

Amend:- "**The Vale of Glamorgan Council (St. Andrews Road (Part), Britway Road (Part) and Merevale, Dinas Powys) (20mph Zone) Order 2007**".

In Schedule 1

Paragraph (2)

To read:-

Britway Road (Part) and St. Andrews Road (Part), Dinas Powys - from a point approximately 40 metres west of its junction with Highwalls Road, westwards for a distance of approximately 775 metres.

Dated this 23 day of February 2012

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SATURDAY'S TRIPLE CROWN DECIDER
GEM reporters look at the crucial areas

WHAT do Wales (and England) need to do to win on Saturday? The GEM's reporters offer their five top tips.

The week off in the Six Nations schedule gave GEM scribe Don John a chance to recharge his batteries so, to ensure his sharpness for the final three games, he has been sent for a week's intensive training in Poland.

At this very moment, he is locked in a cryotherapy chamber, ensuring that his critical faculties are in peak condition for the crucial run in.

This gives GEM reporters Philip Irwin (born in Cardiff, schooled at Bridgend Boys Grammar) and Tim Chapman (born in London, schooled at St Mary de Crypt Grammar School, Gloucester) a chance to speculate on 'the big one' – Wales v England.

We asked Philip for five things that Wales must do to ensure a victory at Twickenham, while Tim has put his mind to finding five things that England need to do to break Welsh hearts.

Their opinions were written on Monday, and therefore run the risk of being made irrelevant by any changes in personnel made by Messrs Gatland and Lancaster.

Philip Irwin.

Wales need to:

1/ Derail Charlie Hodgson's comeback.

It pains me to say this, because I always had a soft spot for Charlie. There was a time when England had a choice of a pragmatic game plan under Jonny Wilkinson, and a more varied option with Charlie at the helm.

In the end, Jonny's ability to crash tackle rampant second row forwards tipped the balance, and Charlie was sent back to Sale to rebuild his career.

There is, I think, something pretty inspiring about his ability to do so, first at Sale and now with Saracens, but it is time to put sentiment aside and launch several of Wales' big backs in his direction.

The word is that Charlie is now a better tackler. It's time for this to be tested.

2/ Be patient.

One flaw in the modern game is that a side can opt for 'safety first' rugby and can go through the phases without much risk of losing possession.

As long as no one throws a risky pass, you can keep possession for maybe 20 phases without ever gaining any actual yardage.

This was particularly true in the first half of the Scottish game. Apart from a spell when George North was injured, I doubt if Scotland made any yardage at all when they had the ball.

To be fair, in the two matches so far, Wales have not been rattled and have bided their time. It's just that we sometime get over-anxious at HQ!

3/ Keep running straight

What has been really impressive this year has been the way the two centres, Jamie Roberts and Jonathan Davies, have straightened the line whenever things were getting cramped. The days when the play drifted out towards the touchline seem to be behind us.

4/ Don't believe the hype.

We are so used to England taking the field with a big physical pack that it is easy to believe that this year's 'red rose eight' are a soft touch that would be overpowered by Cowbridge under-14s.

Hopefully, Shaun Edwards and Sam Warburton will hammer away during the week to stop any complacency building up.

5/ Back to Charlie Hodgson again. Perhaps our backs could spend some time sending their clearing kicks to touch with a slightly higher trajectory?

PS I'm going to look foolish if Stuart Lancaster picks Toby Flood!

Tim Chapman

England need to:

1/ Stop George.

George North is fast becoming the pre-eminent rugby star in the northern hemisphere – a huge physical specimen, he combines speed and power with deftness of touch. It can take up to three men to bring him down.

England's problem is that by concentrating on George, the gaps may open up for Alex Cuthbert, Jamie Roberts, Jonathan Davies, or my favourite Welsh player, will o' the wisp Leigh Halfpenny.

2/ Get their back three in the match

England have a talented back three – Foden, Ashton and Strettle. England's three-quarters have been stop-start in their first two matches with the excuse that an inexperienced side has been playing away and is anxious to chalk up vital wins.

At Twickenham there will be no excuse for not launching them. If they get decent ball, they can cause Wales problems.

3/ Get quick ball

One of biggest irritations for any rugby supporter is when their scrum half fails to get the ball out swiftly to his outside half.

Lee Dickson came on as a substitute for Ben Youngs against Italy, and the tempo of English attacks improved significantly.

Dickson seems likely to start.

4/ Get an edge in the scrum.

A scrum that's going forward gets a psychological advantage. To illustrate the importance of even a first scrum, cast your mind back to England playing for the Grand Slam last year against Ireland at Landsdowne Road.

The Irish shunted England back from that first 'hit' and set their stall out: 'This is going to be a long, hard afternoon for you.' They went on to a comprehensive victory.

5/ Hold their nerve

So many matches hang on a last minute drop goal and this is the sort of match that could deliver that sort of climax.

Even if Toby Flood doesn't start, I think he will come on so it could end up in a test of his nerve – on the other hand it could be a 'do or die' effort from Wales' Rhys Priestland!

Barry exit bowl after home defeat

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LAST Saturday, the latest round of the SWALEC Bowl competition was played at the Reservoir Field. The visitors are presently in third position in WRU Division Six East.

It soon became apparent that this difference in league positions was not to be translated onto the field. The visitors were a well-drilled side and were coached to do the basics simply. This formula soon paid dividends, with two penalties being awarded for offside offences.

Interestingly, it was not until the 20-minute mark that the first set scrum was formed. Barry came into their own and with some good off-load passes began to give the Caerleon defence some problems.

However, nearly all these positives came about by individual effort and not any cohesive tactical plan. The lineouts were a case in point, where the lone efforts of Deguara and McTavish came to nought, because each lacked the support of other forwards.

Nevertheless, Barry were creating scoring chances of their own. However, Ryan's kicking was off target and two reasonably easy penalty opportunities went begging. The remainder of the first half left spectators wondering if they were the only ones who knew that the home playing areas slope towards the corner!

The second session commenced and it soon became apparent that the visitors had worked out the local geography. At every opportunity they kicked downhill to set up attacking positions.

Within 10 minutes of the restart, Caerleon had scored two tries from such tactics and by doing the simple things well. Each of these tries was converted from distance by a full back who knew how to use the wind to advantage. He floated his kicks on the wind like a professional golfer.

It was disappointing to see individual Barry sorties coming to nothing. There were cameo performances from Alex and Alun Evans, O'Sullivan and Hollister in trying to stem the Caerleon tide.

After half an hour the visitors scored the try of the match, covering almost the length of the pitch. The conversion was a formality for a full back who barely put a foot wrong all afternoon. To their credit, Barry did battle to the end with a consolation try from the evergreen Provis.

It was a disappointing performance and coaches, captain and players need to regroup, take on board the lessons learned and move forward.

One consolation is the knowledge that no side in our division would have beaten this Caerleon side playing as they did last Saturday.

Barry: Bowditch, Evans, Hollister, McTavish, Deguara, Parker, O'Sullivan, Jones (captain), Gallivan, Walsh Evans, Busitil, Provis, Brown, Ryan. Subs. Hoskings, King, Chucas, Poole.

Next fixture is away to Penygraig on March 3, kick off 2.30pm.

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AFTER some deliberation by the referee and some forking and brushing of surface water, the pitch was deemed playable.

Liam Jeremy was a thorn in the Croesy defence right from the first minute with his strong jinking runs down the left wing, putting in numerous crosses.

The game was end to end and, considering the heavy conditions, some good football was being played, Tedstone hit a powerful shot from 25 yards which Jon Chorley got down well to save.

Dinas finally broke the deadlock on 25 minutes when, from an Adam Raymond free kick, centre-back Chris Hinam headed home at the far post for 1-0.

Five minutes later the hosts were awarded a penalty after Matt Trottman was tripped in the box. Richard Yarr took the spot kick but Chorley guessed right and pushed the ball away to safety.

Just a minute later Croesy were level when Furnquest beat Lack with a 20 yard free-kick, the referee waving away Dinas protests that he had indicated an indirect free kick and the goal stood.

Dinas got their noses in front again after Tedstone was brought down by the Croesy keeper, earning himself a yellow card. Jeremy stepped up and curled his free-kick over the wall into the top corner for a superb goal on 42 minutes and, in the final minute of the half, the hosts had a corner which Croesy eventually managed to clear after several attempts at goal were blocked.

The second half started with Croesy having a half chance when Dale Howarth put in a dangerous looking cross from the left which Lack, under pressure, was forced to punch clear.

Furnquest was then booked for a foul on Trottman and up stepped Jeremy to repeat his first half effort with an identical free kick, giving Chorley no chance for 3-1.

Two minutes later it was 4-1 when an initial run and shot by Trottman was parried by Chorley with Steffan Davies on hand to hook the ball home.

Dinas manager Mark Dunford then introduced his substitutes, Joe Hinds, Robbie Fowler and Jordan Phillips, all entering the fray. Unfortunately Hinds was only on for two minutes when he was given his marching orders after retaliating.

Dinas grabbed their fifth goal when Trottman was again fouled just outside the area and Adam Raymond, not to be outdone by Jeremy, put in an unstoppable free kick from 22 yards into the top corner.

This fine win takes Dinas up into seventh place in the league.

Dinas: Damian Lack, Steve Provis, Chris Hinam(captain), Mike Lewis, Dave Penikett, Adam Raymond, Matt Trottman, Richard Yarr, Steffan Davies, Gareth Tedstone, Liam Jeremy, Keiran Harman, Jordan Phillips, Robbie Fowler, Joe Hinds, Mark Dunford..

Dinas are away to Ely Rangers in the league on Saturday, 2pm kick off.

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